

Graduates in State Service.

156. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what is the starting salary now given to graduates in each Department;

(b) the names of graduates getting now less than Rs. 30 per mensem mentioning the present salary which each of them now gets and the Departments in which they work?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No starting salary is fixed for graduates in any of the Departments except in the Huzur Office where it is Rs. 40. In other Departments, the pay available to the post is given.

(b) The information collected is appended (*vide Appendix I*).

Mattancheri Municipality and its right to elect its own Chairman.

157. Mr. A. B. Salem.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to inform the total amount of house tax collected in the Municipality in the year 1100 and the total amount collected in the year 1103 after the revision;

(b) will the Government be pleased to inform the acts of commission or omission on the part of the present Mattancheri Council, the elections of which were conducted by their nominated Chairman, that made the Government decide to continue their policy of depriving the Council of its right of electing its own Chairman;

(c) will the Government be further pleased to inform further the conditions or the guarantees they require to restore the right of electing its own Chairman to the Mattancheri Municipality;

(d) will the Government be further pleased to state the names of Councillors whose conduct the Government deemed as sufficient justification to deprive the Municipality of its right of electing its own Chairman;

(e) will the Government be further pleased to state how many of these Councillors have been re-elected to the present Council;

(f) will the Government be further pleased to state the acts of commission or omission on the part of the Councillors that made the Government to deprive the Municipality of its right of electing its own Chairman?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—

(a) 1100 Rs. 38,527—14—5.

1103 Rs. 43,366—4—7.

(b) It was not any actions of commission or omission on

the part of the present Council that induced the Government to continue the policy. The Council recommended in their resolution, dated 17th Kanni 1103, that the present Chairman might be re-nominated for the current term also. Government accepted the recommendation keeping in view the best interests of the Council.

(c) Government have not laid down any definite conditions or guarantees in the matter.

(d) Government do not consider that any public interest will be served by disclosing these names at so distant a date.

(e) No answer is necessary in view of answer to (d).

(f) The attention of the Member is invited to the press communique, dated 7th December 1925, and this Council Proceedings of 1101 (printed report Volume II, pages 108—170).

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I request I may be allowed to say a few words, with regard to Mr. Salem's questions.

Since Saturday is a sacred day for Jews, I request that, in future, Mr. Salem's questions may not be tabled on Saturdays, whenever there is meeting on a Saturday. I think there is only one Saturday on which there is Council sitting and that is in the Budget Session. The other sessions generally extend only to Friday.

President.—It will be seen that Mr. Salem's questions are not answered on Saturdays. But if he wants any further information, he can send in fresh questions.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Yes, anybody can do that.

President.—What I stated is that it will not be a disadvantage. If a fresh fact is to be elucidated, he can do so.

Water supply in Mattancheri.

158. Mr. A. B. Salem.—(a) 1. Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of money spent for making pure drinking water available to the residents of Mattancheri in the year 1104;

2. what is the total quantity of water transported to Mattancheri from the pipe system at Ernakulam;

3. what is the quantity of water that is to be made available for drinking purposes in Mattancheri in the year 1105;

4. has the Government or the Mattancheri Municipality made any estimate as to the quantity of water that will be required for giving a pure and protected water supply to the town of Mattancheri;

5. what is the total length of pipes laid in Mattancheri;

6. when would house service connections be introduced in Mattancheri;

(b) will the Government be pleased to state their